



# BADGER BONSAI SOCIETY

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## Next Meeting Date:

Thursday Oct-10-2019 | 6:30 to 8:00pm  
Olbrich Botanical Gardens  
3330 Atwood Avenue, Madison, WI

## AGENDA:

American Bonsai Masters, Maple Identification

## CLUB OFFICERS:

Co-Presidents ..... Bill and Karl  
Vice President ..... Mary  
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Librarian ..... Derek  
Refreshments ..... Elaine

## President's Message

### October-10th meeting

First off, thanks to Tim O'R (and Denise!) for our great September program on bonsai styles. And thanks to everyone who brought in examples of the styles that were discussed! As Tim pointed out, you have to have some idea what the finished tree is going to look like before starting to prune.

Our October meeting will discuss American Bonsai Masters, review a slide show of our May-2019 Annual Show, review how to identify maples, and discuss transitioning tropical bonsai inside for the winter. And finally, we want to plant some seeds for November elections and ideas for our 2020 meetings. — *Karl*

### American Bonsai Masters

Near the end of each calendar year we ask for program ideas for the coming year. Lots of good

ideas are always submitted; one that we have never done before was a request for a review and examination of American bonsai masters.

In some professions and hobbies 'master' may have a very specific meaning, with well-defined achievements and accomplishments. With bonsai this is not the case. There are no examinations, no age or time requirements, no years of training. Nothing. Nada. Zip.

The master designation is attained primarily through recognition and acknowledgement by other practitioners who greatly respect the level of artistic excellence and knowledge of the individual.

Additionally, it would be the height of arrogance for anyone considered a master to refer to themselves as 'master'. At most they may refer to themselves as 'sensei', or 'teacher', but never as a 'master'.

So, how many masters do we have in the United States? That is impossible to say, as we have no certification requirements. An interesting exercise would be for you, before our next meeting, to jot down folks that you would consider as 'masters'. We can discuss and review our lists of candidates at the meeting. I have already given this some thought and have come up with perhaps a dozen or so. I'll have images of their work as part of our October meeting – American Bonsai Masters.

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## Maple Identification

As we were not able to review this topic at our September meeting, we will look at maple identification. Ross Clarke has written a wonderful guide for the American Bonsai Society (ABS) on keys to identifying the maples most likely used for bonsai. (Mercifully, this does not include the Japanese maple cultivars, of which there are more than a thousand, and would take probably a lifetime of careful study to be even semi-literate in their identification.) So how does one distinguish *Acer ginnala* from trident maple? The leaves look very similar. Or, how does one distinguish sugar maple from red maple? Again, the leaves look very similar. The insightful keys that Ross Clarke suggests makes these identifications fast and easy.

## Preparing your Tropicals for Winter ...

MaryE had requested that we each describe what we do to minimize pests when bringing our tropical trees in for the winter. We ran out of time at the Sept-meeting and never got around to discussing this. Please come prepared to discuss your successes and failures. Also, if you want, send your inputs to Wayne and we can prepare this as a topic on the BBS Website (and **perhaps** open up for moderated commenting.)

## Recap of May-2019 BBS Show:

We will review a slideshow that Wayne has prepared from our 2019 Annual show ... takes about 13 minutes to view. After our meeting, this 25-Megabyte file will be provided on the BBS website to view / download.

## Show 'n' Tell

***remember, bringing something related to bonsai to the meeting to show & tell about, will get you an additional ticket for our meeting door prize drawings!***

The September show and tell was really "populated" (someone must have leaked notice of some great door prizes), BillB brought in a 3-year old seedling of *Operculicarya decaryi* ( a succulent from Madagascar); Derek showed off a nice looking and promising ficus that he picked up from Craig's L1st locally for \$10; Melba showed off a succulent arrangement and the book *Origami Bonsai* by Benjamin John Coleman; Julia showed the interesting braided trunk of a money tree; RalphS showed off a small *Fargesia rufa* non-running bamboo grove planting; MaryE showed off a well leafed-out willowleaf ficus that she thought had died. ... Thanks to all for sharing!

Tim's May-2019 Annual Show demo tree, showing the development by Sep-2019



*Juniper chinensis*  
"Sea Green"  
Informal Upright

I watched a video bonsai demonstration in which the artist advocated for leaving lots of foliage on the tree, with the foliage wired and bent inwards to make the tree smaller. His contention was that removing lots of foliage sets the tree back significantly and the tree takes a few years just to get back to where it was. Consider the foliage to be little energy factories, capturing incoming sunlight and using it to make new roots, leaves, branches, etc. The more foliage that is left on, the quicker the recovery. Your thoughts? — Karl

## Other Shows and Conventions or Societies:

[Bonsai Societies of Florida](#) is an umbrella organization for 22 bonsai and bonsai-related societies in Florida. If you Google this, you can access the member societies and their activities.

The [Golden State Bonsai Federation \(GSBF\)](#) is an umbrella organization of bonsai societies in California and adjacent states. If you Google this, you can find out about numerous shows scheduled in that region. (Many new listings at the GSBF site; too many to list here; please follow the links.) There also are events scheduled at the three bonsai collections maintained by the GSBF.

The [Lonestar Bonsai Federation](#) is a confederation of 10 bonsai societies in the Texas-Louisiana area. If you click this link, you can see information about the individual clubs, galleries, and much more information.

[24th Annual Carolina Bonsai Expo](#), Oct. 12-13, North Carolina Arboretum, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville, North Carolina.

[Iowa Bonsai Association, Bonsai Show and Sale](#), Oct. 12-13, 9a-4:30p, Reiman Gardens, 1407 S. University Boulevard, Ames, Iowa

[Hidden Gardens \(Willowbrook-IL\)](#)

Visiting Bonsai Artists:

- Jan Culek, Oct 26 - 27, 2019
- Mauro Stemberger, Nov 9 - 10, 2019

[National Bonsai and Penjing Museum](#), 3501 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC July 1 – Sept 29: Workshops: Bonsai Basics with Tropical Trees

Bonsai Global Seminars Oct. 8-11, 2020. Kellogg Conference Hotel and the U.S. National Arboretum, Washington, DC. Hosted by: American Bonsai Society, National Bonsai Foundation, Bonsai Clubs International, Potomac Bonsai Association. This could be the most significant bonsai event many of us could ever attend. Please watch for updates.

Info provided by ABS (American Bonsai Society).

## Pearls of Wisdom ...

"It doesn't really matter whether our individual fascination with bonsai began via gardening, art, or a general interest in things Eastern."

--- Collin Lewis

## Tentative 2019 Calendar for

Badger Bonsai Society meeting & events:

*(date is 2nd Thursday unless noted differently below)*

TBD – Trip to [Davidsan's Japanese Maples](#) in New Berlin-IL (west of Springfield-IL), stocking 500 of the 1000+ cultivars of Japanese maples **(see page 4 for special Fall Sale Special)**

TBD – Slab making workshop TBD

TBD – Field trip to Mayflower Nursery, Hobart, WI

October meeting – American Bonsai Masters and examples of their work

November meeting – Tropical workshop; BBS elections; collection of ideas for 2020 BBS meeting topics and content

December meeting – Suiseki and daiza making

Jan-2020: Annual Membership Club Dinner

**2020 Mid American Bonsai Alliance:** Insights Into Bonsai, June 25-28, 2020 at The Four Points Sheraton Milwaukee North Shore (8900 North Kildeer Court, Milwaukee, WI). Hosted by the Milwaukee Bonsai Society. Additional information is being added frequently.

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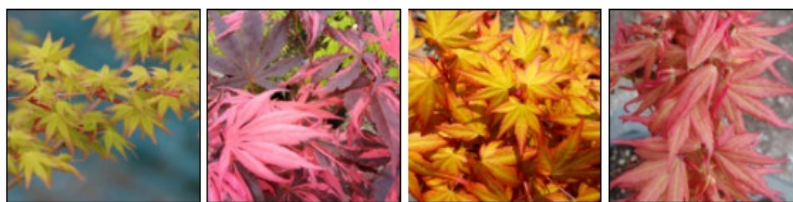
# Davidsan's Japanese Maples

**2019 FALL TREE SALE!**  
**BUY ONE GET ONE FREE!**

NOW THROUGH Sunday, October 13!!  
YOU GET FIVE DAYS BEFORE THIS SALE GOES PUBLIC ON OCT 1st.

**BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE.** 3 gallon to 40 gallon sized trees are "Buy One, Get One Free". Trees include our Japanese maples and all of our companion trees also. Lowest priced trees are discounted first. No minimum. Trees can be shipped to you or picked up at Davidsan's. Shipping costs are calculated on the original tree cost, not the discounted cost.

Now is the time to buy and plant those maples that have outstanding spring color. Get them in the ground now, so you can see these colors in your own garden in the Spring.



(Calico, Rainbow, Akane, Mystic Mikawa)

This link has our entire in-stock inventory with prices. There are over 35 pages for your browsing. (<http://www.davidsansgranite.com/link-to-trees-and-prices-availability-list.html>)

**SPECIAL INFO:** There may be some additions, subtractions and a few price changes. We are not immune to typos. Shipping costs are not discounted. We are able to ship trees that are 7-gallon size and smaller. There might be a few shippable 10 or 15 gallon sized trees. There are a few rare trees (noted by a NO DISC listing on the availability list) that are not available as the Free Tree, but they can be the normal priced tree. All orders are first come; first served. Not good on previous purchases or with any other offer. One gallon size trees are not included in this sale. Sale does not include granite sculptures or our gift shop.

**NOTE:** The leaves on your trees might have signs of fall; maybe some brown edges, even some leaves dropping. This is perfectly normal and to be expected. We are inspecting each tree for health and vigor, so don't worry if you see some 'end of season' evidence. Thanks for your understanding!

HAPPY HUNTING!

## FAQs:

### HOW DO I PLACE AN ORDER?

Just pick out the trees you want from our availability list. Need some help choosing? Plug in your desires and narrow down your choices using our 'SAP APP' on our website <http://www.davidsansjapanesemaples.com/japanese-maple-tree-selector/> and then email your list to us through the website or at [info@davidsansjapanesemaples.com](mailto:info@davidsansjapanesemaples.com) by the LAST SALE DAY, SUNDAY, October 13! We will then send you a pre-invoice to look over with all prices and discounts and info on how to finalize your order.

### WHEN WILL I RECEIVE MY TREES?

We ship on Mondays and Tuesdays so your trees won't sit in a truck over a weekend. MOST OF THE COUNTRY IS 2 or 3 DAYS FEDEX SHIPMENT FROM HERE IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS

### WHAT ARE YOUR POLICIES AND GUARANTEES FOR SHIPPED TREES?

Davidsan's warrants and guarantees all plants will arrive at your door alive and in good condition. If your box has visible damage, don't refuse the package, but make sure the delivery person makes a notation of the damaged box. Be sure to document it yourself by taking a picture of the box before you open it. Unpack and remove your trees from the box carefully! We spend a lot of time carefully packing your tree to assure it travels well. We require photos of any tree damage before a refund is allowed. We are proud to say that we have very little damage during shipping. Small twigs or incidental small branches are not considered damage unless we consider it critical to the tree's long term look or survival.

### WHEN CAN I COME AND VISIT?

OUR LOCATION IS 919 S Farmingdale Rd, New Berlin, IL 62670 and we are open Monday - Saturday 10-6 and Sunday 12-5. No appointment needed. We are just six miles west of Springfield, IL.

We hope to see you or hear from you soon!

*Gale, Jason, and the rest of the crew*

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